

RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY SURVEY
for the
Route 96 Corridor Management Study

Dear Route 96 Resident,

We need your help. We need ten minutes of your time to complete a survey about living on Route 96 and we are hoping to receive your input by March 12th.

This survey is being distributed as part of the planning process for the Route 96 Corridor Management Study. The Study is being overseen by a committee which includes representatives from Tompkins County, the City of Ithaca, the Town of Ithaca, the Town of Ulysses, the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council, and the Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit.

The Route 96 Corridor Management Study will help to define an appropriate approach to anticipated growth along the Route 96 corridor within the Town of Ulysses and the Town and City of Ithaca. The Study will serve as a guide to define a preferred development pattern for the corridor and recommend strategies to reduce anticipated traffic-related impacts that may be caused by new development. The Corridor Management Study will specifically look at a nodal versus sprawling development pattern, access management, enhanced transit services, the incorporation of transportation system improvements, and aesthetic roadway enhancements. The final product will focus on protecting livability along the corridor with specific recommendations for land use changes and transportation enhancements that will serve to reduce the impacts of traffic within the study area. For more information on the Study, please visit the Tompkins County Planning Department website at <http://www.tompkins-co.org/planning/> or call 607-274-5560.

We are seeking community input to identify what makes the Route 96 corridor a desirable place to live, what makes it less than ideal, and what concerns you have about future growth and development. During the course of the Corridor Management Study planning process, there will be several opportunities for citizens to actively participate.

A Public Informational Meeting has been scheduled for April 23rd, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Paleontological Research Institution (PRI) at 1259 Trumansburg Road. At this meeting attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the planning process, preliminary findings including resident responses from this survey, and will be able to provide comments and ask questions of the consultant team.

Your participation in this process is important to ensure that the direction of the Study reflects residents' ideas and concerns. Thank you in advance for your participation.

**Please use the self-addressed, stamped envelope to return
your completed survey to the Tompkins County Planning Department by
March 12, 2008.**

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

A. What do you like most about living along the Route 96 corridor?

(Please mark all that apply).

- ☐ Convenience to area destinations
- ☐ Living on a state highway
- ☐ Rural character of West Hill
- ☐ Scenic views
- ☐ Neighbors
- ☐ Access to businesses on Route 96
- ☐ Other: _____

B. Please use the scoring system below to indicate whether the following issues on Route 96 are:

1 - Very Important

2 - Somewhat Important

3 - Somewhat Unimportant

4 - Not Important

5 - Not An Issue

6 - Don't Know

- ☐ Too much traffic when commuting into the City of Ithaca
- ☐ Too much traffic when commuting out of the City of Ithaca
- ☐ Difficult to access the corridor from driveways
- ☐ Difficult to access the corridor from non-signalized intersections
- ☐ Vehicles making left hand turns off Route 96 cause delays or safety hazards
- ☐ Parking along Route 96
- ☐ No designated lanes for bicycles
- ☐ No sidewalks for pedestrians
- ☐ Difficult for pedestrians to cross the road
- ☐ Air pollution
- ☐ Speeding
- ☐ Truck traffic
- ☐ Train crossing in the City of Ithaca
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Other: _____

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DESTINATIONS AND ACCESS

- C. What are your three (3) most common destinations on Route 96 and how do you typically travel to these destinations? (Please check the mode of transportation you typically use for each of your three selections).

Destination	Bike	Walk	TCAT Bus	Carpool	Drive
Village of Trumansburg					
Hamlet of Jacksonville					
Cayuga Medical Center					
Downtown Ithaca					
Grocery/convenience store along corridor					
Taughannock Falls Park					
Non-grocery business along corridor					
Other:					

- D. If conditions were ideal, how would you most like to travel to ANY of these destinations on Route 96? (Please mark all that apply).

Destination	Bike	Walk	TCAT Bus	Carpool	Drive
Village of Trumansburg					
Hamlet of Jacksonville					
Cayuga Medical Center					
Downtown Ithaca					
Grocery/convenience store along corridor					
Taughannock Falls Park					
Non-grocery business along corridor					
Other:					

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- E. Do you currently utilize TCAT bus service along the Route 96 corridor?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If so, how frequently? (Please circle)

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Annually

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F. Do you think TCAT bus service along the Route 96 corridor:

(Please mark all that apply).

- _____ Is very efficient
- _____ Is easily accessible
- _____ Needs more regularly scheduled service
- _____ Needs to be better connected with park-and-ride lots
- _____ Needs to have enhanced stops with amenities such as bike racks
- _____ Creates traffic problems when picking up / dropping off
- _____ Other: _____

SAFETY AND TRAFFIC

G. Please use the scoring system below to indicate whether you perceive safety problems along the corridor occur when:

1 - Serious problem

2 - Moderate problem

3 - Minor problem

4 - Not a problem

- _____ Cars make left-hand turns while exiting the roadway
- _____ Cars make right-hand turns while exiting the roadway
- _____ Cars attempt to access the road from intersections
- _____ Cars attempt to access the road from driveways
- _____ School buses make stops
- _____ TCAT buses make stops
- _____ Pedestrians walk along the road
- _____ Pedestrians attempt to cross the road
- _____ Bicycles use the road
- _____ Other: _____

H. Are there vehicle congestion problems along the corridor? YES NO

If YES, please identify WHERE you encounter congestion and WHAT TIME OF DAY:

Area	AM Rush Hour	PM Rush Hour	Both AM and PM Rush Hours	Off-peak time
In the City of Ithaca				
In the Town of Ithaca				
In Jacksonville				
In Trumansburg				
All along Route 96				

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- I. If you do experience congestion traveling on Route 96, how would you rate this problem?
(Circle one)

Serious Problem

Minor Inconvenience

Somewhere In Between

COMMENTS

- J. What would make the Route 96 corridor a better place to live?

RESPONDENT INFORMATION

- K. Please provide us some information about yourself to help us better interpret and analyze the survey results: (please circle)

Location of Residence:

Town of Ulysses

Town of Ithaca

City of Ithaca

Length of Residence:

Under 1 year

1-5 years

5-10 years

10-15 years

15-20 years

Over 20 years

Age:

Under 25

26-35

36-50

51-64

Over 65